

Congress passed the District of Columbia College Access Act, I was able to convince Congress that the necessary complement to the College Access Act was long overdue HBCU funding because of the indispensable function of UDC for thousands of students for whom UDC was not only a choice, but the only practical option.

Funding from the Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGIs) program will allow UDC to increase its production of skilled graduates in vital disciplines and jobs in which African Americans, Hispanics and others are underrepresented and to strengthen its graduate programs in occupations where there are shortages and jobs in our region. For example, the University has graduate degree programs in cancer biology prevention and control, early childhood education, mathematics, special education, and speech and language pathology, and other graduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the David A. Clarke School of Law, and the School of Business and Public Administration. A graduate curriculum is being developed in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2007

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 5, 2007, Tuesday, June 6, 2007 and Tuesday, June 12, 2007, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439 and 459.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on the following rollcall votes 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438 and 439 and "no" on 459.

A TRIBUTE TO LARRY CARLTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great guitarist and an exceptional musician Mr. Larry Carlton. Larry Carlton's own musical story began in southern California. He picked up his first guitar at the age of six. He was introduced to jazz in junior high school. Saxophonist John Coltrane was a major influence on Carlton, beginning with Coltrane's 1962 classic "Ballads."

Larry Carlton recorded his first album in 1968, "With a Little Help From my Friends." The enthusiastic industry response garnered him a place among jingle singers. He also recorded on camera and recorded radio commercials for Ford. Mid-season in his second year, he segued to musical director for "Mrs. Alphabet," an Emmy-nominated children's show. It was here Carlton showcased his acting skills, performing as the show's co-star, "Larry Guitar."

Larry Carlton performed with the world renowned Crusaders on 12 of their albums,

often contributing material. He released his second solo project in 1973 on Blue Thumb Records. Larry Carlton's demand as a session player was now at its zenith, he was constantly featured with stars from every imaginable genre. Among them: Sammy Davis, Jr.; Herb Alpert; Quincy Jones; Paul Anka; Michael Jackson; John Lennon; Jerry Garcia; and Dolly Parton.

Larry Carlton was approached by the newly formed MCA Master Series label in 1985 for consideration of recording an acoustic jazz album. His first release for the new label was "Alone." The 12 months of 1987 brought some of the biggest highlights in his solo career. However, while working on his next album for MCA, Carlton was a victim of random gun violence and was shot in the throat by gun-wielding juveniles outside his private studio near Burbank, California. The bullet shattered his vocal cords and caused significant nerve trauma, but through intensive therapy and a positive frame of mind, he completed his work on his "On Solid Ground" album in 1989.

Madam Speaker, through all of this adversity, Larry Carlton continues to grace us with his gift of music. I would like to recognize him for his accomplishments and achievements which are far too numerous to mention today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderfully gifted musician.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MARCUS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, June 22 will be a bittersweet day for me and for all of Team Schakowsky. That is the day that Robert Marcus, Legislative Assistant, will be leaving our office. After a summer in Israel, Robert will attend graduate school at the Fletcher School of International Affairs at Tufts University, where we know he will make an outstanding contribution.

In his more than 4 years on my staff, Robert has been an invaluable member of the team, serving as the point person for foreign affairs, in particular U.S.-Israel relations, the war in Iraq, Haiti, Darfur, and Colombia. He has been in charge of veterans affairs and has played a major role in shining a bright light on and drafting legislation addressing the growing role of private military contractors.

Robert's influence has extended far beyond Capitol Hill and well beyond the borders of the United States. In 2005, Robert worked with an Illinois synagogue and its Rabbi, Bruce Elder, to bring a Torah to its former home in the small Czech Republic town of Lostice. It was one of 1,500 Torahs that had been confiscated by the Nazis during World War II. Robert made the arrangements for the visit and joined members of the Congregation Hakafa when the Torah was opened and read at the synagogue, which is now a community center. Though no Jews remain in Lostice, the people had protected the building and came out to welcome the visitors with songs sung in Hebrew. Dignitaries from across the Czech Republic participated and it became a highly publicized story with a powerful message of

remembrance and tolerance that will long be remembered. Robert Marcus made it happen.

Robert Marcus has been addressing the problem of deforestation in Haiti in a very practical way. Haiti is almost completely deforested, with only one or two percent of its original forest cover remaining. Working with Haitian-American leaders as well as an organization led by Wyclef Jean called Yele Haiti, Robert brought another important organization to the table to help with a new Haitian environmental initiative that combines tree planting with alternative energy. The Jewish National Fund, at Robert's initiative, is now providing technical expertise from their extensive and successful experience with tree planting in Israel.

Robert will be missed not only for the exceptional work he has done, but for his incredible kindness, (sometimes quirky) sense of humor, his contagious friendliness, and, of course, his rugged good looks.

If you "Google" Robert Marcus, you will find over 14 million separate entries. True, not all of them are about OUR Robert Marcus, the real Robert Marcus, (particularly the one that reads "Robert Marcus: Real Threat or Just Another Stupid Clam?"), but we know he will make a huge mark in the world. We just hope he will always remember his days with Team Schakowsky. I know I will never forget him. I say, "Thank you, Robert Marcus. I love you very much."

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SALLY MORIN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Mrs. Sally Morin, who will be retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to the Anne Arundel County Public Schools System.

Sally Morin started her career with the school system on July 7, 1987, at Germantown Elementary in Annapolis, MD. She will complete her time with the system at Lothian Elementary School. Throughout her career, every principal for whom she has worked has noted her dedication, skills, and loyalty. They have also witnessed her magnificent ability to relate to all members of the school community—administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and, importantly, students.

While balancing a career with raising a family, Sally also went the extra mile and has been a very active member of her community. With her husband Maury and daughters, Lauri and Jeri, Sally opened her home to numerous Naval Academy midshipmen—offering a welcome respite from the rigorous coursework and intense training that these able young men and women experience at the academy. The Morin family also have been active members of their church and have been vigorous supporters of the construction of a new church building.

In retirement, Sally and Maury have decided to move to Delaware. While this naturally saddens their friends and neighbors in Anne Arundel County, I know that I join with them in wishing the Morins a very long and rewarding retirement.